

FROM THE REGIUS PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE

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Dear Flexner:

We are in trouble here about the cerebrospinal serum, as the results of treatment with it seem very unsatisfactory. We were using at first the Lister Institute, the Burroughs and Wellcome, and the Mulford, with none of which, as I daresay Ellis has written, could we get any proper serological tests. They are trying now the fresh serum prepared from the organisms got from the Canadians, but I was at Salisbury a few days ago and saw some 15 cases, in none of which did there seem to be any special benefit from the new serum. And we are having no end of trouble in getting the carriers disinfected.

Have you any advice, or have you any new serum prepared on Martha Wollstein's suggestion? The outbreak here, while not serious, is very wide-spread and is causing much alarm.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Wm Osler